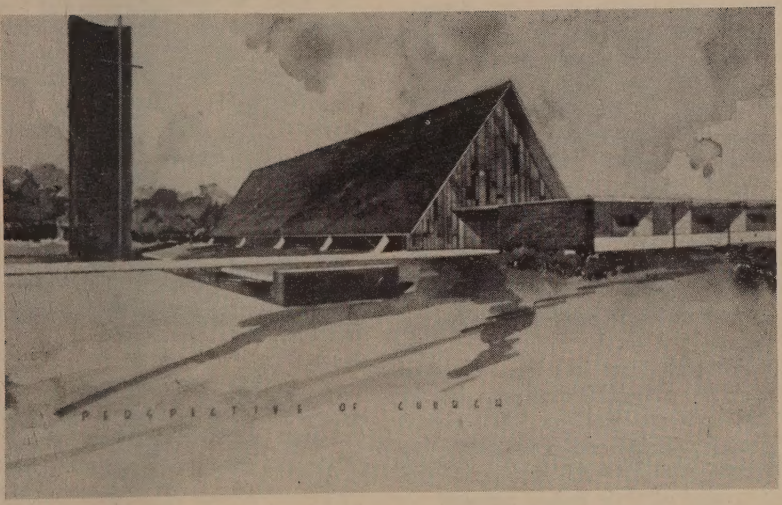

PROSPECTIVE OF PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH

Leavenworth, Kansas

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Our Cover Picture

Pilgrim United Church of Christ at Leavenworth broke ground recently for the beginning of an entirely new church building to house the united congregation. Plans are virtually complete for this new structure that is expected to cost $90,000.00 and will include the sanctuary, the fellowship hall and some classroom space. A campaign under the leadership of the Church Advisory Service of the Board of Home Missions, and directed by the Rev. LeRoy Eide, produced $45,000.00 towards the building and the balance is being borrowed jointly from the Church Building Department and the Board of National Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Pilgrim Church continues the work of the former First Congregational Church and the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, through a union which took place in 1949. Inasmuch as neither church building was adequate, and both structures were in extremely poor repair, it is the hope of the congregation to have this new building as a symbol of their united purpose.

The new building is being constructed at Fifth and Arch Streets, the site of the former Evangelical and Reformed building. The old building there has been razed. The organ from the Congregational Church will be rebuilt and placed in the new building.

It is hoped that the new building will be ready for occupancy by September 1, 1958. The present pastor, the Rev. Robert E. Baker has been with the church for three years.

Ministers' Convocation
February 11, 12 and 13

Save these dates for the Annual Washburn Convocation in Topeka. A worthwhile program is being arranged by Hans Poppe, Chairman, Julian Johnson and Kenneth Martin.

In Memoriam

DR. PARLEY P. WOMER, 87, Congregational Minister and President Emeritus of Washburn University, died on October 16, 1957. He was a member of First Congregational Church in Topeka. Memorial services were conducted by the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones of First Church and Dr. Bryan Stoffer, President of Washburn.

Dr. Womer was president from 1915 to 1931 when he was made President Emeritus. Their spanish-style home on the campus, where Mrs. Womer still resides, is a familiar landmark to students and visitors. While at Washburn, Dr. Womer spent much time in travel seeking financial aid for development. During his years as president, Whiting Field House, Moore Bowl, Mulvane Art Museum and Benton Hall were constructed.

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Help For Concord

Church Schools of Kansas are invited to share with our newest church—Wichita Concord. They need tables, chairs, nursery toys and many other items. Any amount of money will help. Send gifts to the Minister, Rev. George Dreher, 944 Falmouth, Wichita 12, Kansas.

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THEY COULDN'T EAT

by Elmo Ray Paff

Nancy

Nancy couldn't eat her hot-dog. It was in the "comic" strip about a month ago. Perhaps you saw it. Slugo met Nancy on the street. He had two hot-dog sandwiches. When he handed one to Nancy she looked puzzled. In picture number three, Sluggo is following Nancy down the street. The cartoonist, Ernie Bushmiller, makes it all clear in the last frame. The two are in front of a store window, a $250.00 TV set is on display and Nancy sits on an empty box eating. Between bites she says, "I can't eat unless I'm in front of a TV set."

Jimmy

Jimmy couldn't eat his cereal. It was one of those hectic mornings in the kitchen. Everyone was in a hurry. Things didn't seem to go right: cocoa boiled over, toaster didn't work, telephone kept ringing. Finally the whole family was rounded up to eat a quick breakfast. But Jimmy, who was just two, couldn't eat. He sat in his high chair, held out his hands in either direction and said, "T'ank you, God. T'ank you, God." You see, in that family the custom was to hold hands around the table and pray together before meals. Busy parents may overlook such a matter, but Jimmy couldn't eat unless everyone said, "Thank you, God!"

Pauline

Pauline couldn't eat. Maybe you saw her story in the CROP newsletter (July). It was near Yercaul, India. Three of her little sisters and a brother died, one after another, because their underfed bodies could not stand the onslaught of disease. And Pauline? She couldn't eat because she had nothing to eat! She had nothing until Church World Service got in touch with her father, an elementary school teacher, and gave him butter, oil and milk.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day! It's time to eat. Some Americans will think only of TV sets. We hope you don't let your life get centered here. Go a step farther. Give thanks to God! Do it sincerely. habitually. Do it with thoughtful prayer. But go a step beyond this, too. Christian people, let your gratitude be expressed in such ways that Pauline can eat.

A New Central Church

The people of Central Church, Topeka, began worshipping in their remodeled sanctuary on Sunday, October 13, after spending exactly a year in their temporary sanctuary in the church gymnasium. The building program is now in its final stages throughout the edifice, with completion expected in early December.

Included in the sanctuary is a new chancel with seating for a choir of fifty, a new Reuter organ, air conditioning, new lighting with ecclesiastical fixtures and rheostat controls, carpeting and new furniture throughout. Twenty stained glass windows, picturing or symbolizing scenes from the gospels have been added to the three picture windows which have been a distinctive part of the sanctuary for many years.

A new entrance to the Church and a spacious narthex add to its attractiveness. Also included in the program are a Sheldon Room to house memorabilia of Central's distinguished first pastor, Minister's study, office for the Minister of Education, and choir robing and rehearsal rooms.

A chapel seating one hundred and with its own organ is now being completed in the Community House, and the former gym is being remodeled to provide a large fellowship hall on the lower floor and Church School rooms for pre-school departments on the street level. The church offices, chapel and parlor will also be air-conditioned.

Total cost of the program will be nearly $350,000.00 and is being amortized in the annual budget of the Church. It is significant that Central's mission-giving has risen steadily while it has been building.

Prior to undertaking the building program, the Church spent several months studying its location and needs, and adopted a set of goals to strive toward, so that its edifice may be not just a beautiful building, but a worthy and effective tool in carrying on the real work of the Church.

Kansas Congregationalists will have a chance to see the "new" Central and rejoice with its people when the Conference holds its annual meeting there the last week end of April, 1958.

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Church Vocations Conference

The second Annual Church Vocations Conference will be held at Central Church, Topeka, Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7, beginning with dinner, Friday evening. Out of town young people will be housed at the state parsonages.

The Committee on the Ministry now has the names of 42 Kansas Congregational young people who have decided on Church vocations or are giving them serious consideration .These 42 will be invited to attend the conference. Others who would be interested in attending are invited to speak to their minister or write to Rev. Ned Burr McKenney. The theme of the session will be: "Church Vocations Why and How?"

Plans for this conference were completed at a recent all-day meeting of the committee at the MacVicar state parsonage. Two statements were prepared which should be helpful to those interested in Christian Life Service—one is entitled, "Steps Toward a Church Vocation", the other, "What It Means to Come into Care of Association."

Consideration was also given to the need for developing of "lay preachers," and granting them recognition and status in their associations.

The Kenney Family

Commissioning for Keeney's

On November 13 at 8 o'clock at First Congregational Church in Manhattan, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Keeney will be commissioned as representatives of the American Board. The Keeney family will move to Guadalajara, Mexico on November 21st.

Dr. Rymph will preside at the Commissioning Service and the speaker will be Dr. David Stowe, Educational Secretary for the American Board. Mr. Orval Reeves of Kansas City Welborn Church, and a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, will take part in the service presenting the commission. Others participating will be the Rev. Raymond Klasing of Alma E&R Church; the Rev. Millard Marshall, Moderator of Eastern Association and Mrs. C. O. Swansor of the local church. Mr. Forrest Davidson will sing.

Manhattan already sustains a sponsoring relationship with Guy and Betty Thelin at Southern Christian College in Mindanao. The church has also voted to accept this same responsibility toward the Keeney family. It is hoped that others of the Kansas Conference will feel personal relationship toward the work of the Keeney's in Mexico. As Mr. Keeney will not be serving a church in a pastoral relationship his ministerial standing will remain with Eastern Association.

The West Coast Mission in Mexico is scattered over a long narrow corridor extending from Guadalajara west to the coast and north to Hermosillo on the desert about 200 miles below the California border. There are twenty points of service, fourteen churches, others being schools or social centers. The work began about seventy-five years ago in Guadalajara where we have our strongest church, comparable to Manhattan.

Besides the church in Guadalajara there is the Institute de Cologne (elementary and preparatory school) where the children will attend, a medical center, a social center and an orphanage.

Because of its ideal living conditions and the varied projects carried on, this is a good place for a new worker in the field to begin. There are two universities and various intercultural institutes where the Keeney's will devote much time to study of language and culture during the two years they expect to be in Guadalajara. After this period of preparation the family will be moved as need may be found at other points. The work will develop in the area of adult education and leadership training with pastors, lay leaders and will include youth work.

The Keeney's look forward to a growing interest in the work in Mexico in Kansas churches and hope to supply information about their work and progress through Congregational Kansas.

New Organ

Stanley Church is enjoying a new Hammond organ which was installed this summer. Rev. Mravin Ediger is their minister.

It's In the Blood

— Guy T. Gebhardt

Early Kansas Congregational history is replete with Christian Social Action. Drawing heavily upon Charles Correll's "Century of Congregationalism in Kansas", we find some very interesting facts. Kansas came into being in the period of the struggle over the extension or restricting of human slavery. The New England Congregationalists were definitely opposed to the extension of slavery into the western territory. "The churches through the pulpits, through resolutions of the associations, and through the press left no doubt in the minds of the people of the nation where the men and women of the Pilgrim faith stood on this great question."

While Congregationalists were by no means a majority of the settlers of Kansas, they played a disproportionate part in the "Border Warfare." "During these years our early leaders went up and down the region of conflict, organizing churches, comforting the sorrowing, burying the dead, defending the right, denouncing the evil and planting the banner of the Pilgrim faith."

In 1854 when the Kansas Nebraska Act was passed, the New England Emigrant Society was formed with the purpose of fostering the emigration of "free people" to the west. The first party arrived at Lawrence which became the center of activities. Later, churches were organized at Manhattan, Wabaunsee, Topeka, Emporia, Atchison, Leavenworth. Stalwart and prophetic leaders were sent out by the A.M.A. and did yoeman service to help Kansas become a "Free State."

Among the romantic stories of our early history is the one of the "Beecher Bible and Rifle Church" at Wabaunsee. Here Henry Ward Beecher promised 25 Bibles and rifles with these ringing words, "Let these arms hang above your doors as the old Revolutionary muskets do in many New England homes. May your children in another generation look upon them with pride and say 'our fathers' courage saved this fair land from slavery and blood'." Another thrilling story is that of the Andover Band that came to fight slavery and stayed to build churches and colleges.

As early as 1862, a Freedman's Church was established in Lawrence and a building dedicated. Other Negro churches were established in Topeka, Leavenworth and at Eureka. These were short lived and now the only Congregational Church in Kansas having negro members is the one at Wabaunsee. Following the war, much work was done for the emancipated Negro including the development of "Tennessee Town" next door to the Central Church at Topeka, by an A.M.A. missionary.

However, with the passing of the years, the pristine ardor of the early Congregationalists has faded from the picture, but our magnificent heritage may be again coming to life. The new emphasis upon integration, the Supreme Court Decision, Organized Baseball and the Little Rock incident seem to have awakened the old concerns. Therefore, it is no wonder that in a recent survey of 275 laymen, women and ministers, "An Integrated Church in an Integrated Community" stood well at the top of the "Social Concerns of the Church."

Will the laymen and the clergy stand as did our forefathers a century ago to meet the challenge of the day?

It is in the blood. Or is it?

Preparing for Christmas

It is not a day too soon to be thinking of ways to prepare in our hearts, our homes, and our church schools for the approaching Christmas Season. By starting our quest early enough, by thinking, trying and having faith enough, we should be able to find the great truth of Christmas.

Glitter or Glow?

Whether it will be "Xmas" or Christmas for our children and youth, may depend largely upon that which we emphasize in our own choices or in guiding them in theirs. The glitter without? The glow within? There is a power missing from "Xmas" festivals which leave Christ out; their joys are but temporary. Christ is in Christmas and its eternal message "of a great joy" (Luke 2:10-11). The birth of the Saviour is the power of Christmas!

A Church-Family Time

A well-planned Christmas workshop sponsored by the church Christian Education Committee is an ideal way to bring together the entire church family of all ages and groups.

Such a celebration, planned for an afternoon and evening, could include a fellowship meal. The P.F. groups might assist families to make table decorations. Group singing and holiday table games add a festive air.

Possible activities include the making of ornaments and decorations of paper, foil or tin cans, Christmas cards, decorative candles, paper or plaster creche figures, fingerr-painted gift wrappings, stained glass windows, snow scene paperweights and copper jewelry.

A Singing and Worship Time

A brief worship service, including the singing of carols, is an important part of such a celebration. The Conference Office has available many types

of Christmas programs, pageants pantomimes and carol services for your church's use should it care to have such a program.

A Story Time

The Nativity Story is one which primary age children like to "play" out, using a few simple props, retelling it at their own level, in their own language. For such purposes, a story such as one concerning a community of shepherds would intrigue juniors. Suggestions may be found in collections such as "Christ and the Fine Arts," by Maus or Jeanette Brown's "Storyteller in Religious Education."

Why not try role playing? Have a young person or adult, dressed in the costume of another country, describe how the Christmas message is presented in his native land. Overseas celebrations are described in the Christmas Source Book (10 cents). Write the Missions Council, 19 S. LaSalle, Chicago. Also, remember the films and slides of Christmas titles which the Conference Office lists. (Book early).

A Giving and Sharing Time

It is not so much what we outwardly give as what we inwardly share, as we remember God's gift to us, of Jesus.

The shut-ins of your church would appreciate Advent candle arrangements for use in worship at Christmas season. This might be a service project for young people's or adult's classes, with any needed help toward materials from the Deacon's Fund. A mimeographed description of the Legend of the Advent Boughs should accompany the delivery of these gifts.

The Children's Friendly Service Secretary, Room 908, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. (or the Conference Office) will let you know how you can bring "joy to the world", helping children, one or many, have a happier Christmas.

Louise Lanning (Mrs. F. C.)

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The Responsible Church Around The World

Mrs. John W. Gibson

The Responsible Church Around the World, emphasizing Japan and the problem of race relations, was of major interest to the 28 Kansans attending the Mid West Regional Meeting held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 15 to 17, 1957.

New in the pattern of missions to Japan is the visitation evangelism program carried on by Lawrence Lacour, a Methodist, of Nashville, Tenn. During the past several summers, with a sound truck and a harp, Americans of different denominations toured a number of Japanese villages, making concerts as they could, securing dedicated Japanese Christians to carry on the work for at least a year. Reverend Donald Strickler of our church spent one summer with the group; the $2000 for his expenses being raised by Congregational Christians in America. This was revealed in the dialogue which took place between the Darley Downses, Miss Alice Cary, Rev. Mr. Paul Gregory of the Japan Mission of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and Mr. Strickler.

The South Dakota Conference, unique in that American Indians from the Rosebud, Cheyenne, Standing Rock, and Santee Reservations are members, presented the Sioux Indians in a group of their native songs. The Indians challenged white Christians to take over where the government leaves off, reporting that education for Indians was too little and too late. In the reservations, 23 acres are required to feed one cow; sometimes 14 people live in one hut, with the only meal often the school lunch.

Heartening was the presence of a large number of young people who indicated their willingness to devote their lives to Christian Service, when asked to stand during the program devoted to Recruitment for Church Vocations.

Dr. James E. Wagner, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, spoke of his visits to the major mission fields of his group, at the close of a worship service presided over by Dr. Adrian Rondileau, president of Yankton College, and made extremely effective by the music of the Yankton College Choir.

The 148th Annual Meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, held in conjunction with the Mid West Regional Meeting, was for the purpose of hearing financial reports, electing new officers, and learning about progress in major mission areas. The Rev. Mr. Daniel Bliss was installed as administrative assistant to Dr. Alford Carleton, with Dr. Raymond Dudley's new position as consultant to the World Council of Churches announced, Miss Alice Cary's resigna-

tion accepted as of July 1, 1958, and Dr. Harold B. Belcher's shift from treasurer to associate treasurer effective in early 1958. Mr. Carl H. Holdridge will take over the heavy responsibilities, so long carried by Dr. Belcher.

The six Demonstration and Drama Seminars given on Tuesday afternoon and repeated on Wednesday, so that everyone could attend, were highlights of the meeting.

They were, "Our Christian World Mission in Pilgrim Series", "How to Launch a Study Course on the Annual Missionary Themes, (1) Japan, and (2) Christ, the Church, and Race"; The Yankton College Players in, "I Have Spoken to My Children", "A Day in the American Board Office In Boston" and "The Art Gallery; Our Christian World Mission in Living Stills and Pantomimes."

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster of Topeka, secretary of the Mid West Regional meeting, conducted a workshop for Presidents at the Women's Pre-Session; Mrs. Charles Gunn of Great Bend told the women how "You Can Be a Leader" and Mrs. John W. Gibson of Wichita a resource person in the Missionary Education Workshop, as well as participating in the Drama Seminar on Japan.

Among the 814 registering, the largest on record, were Kansans, Assistant Supt. Orville and Mrs. Hepler, the Elmer Ericksons, the Ray C. Joneses, the John Beckers, the Clarence Kildes, the Alfred Bartters, Julian Johnson, Hans Poppe, Chris Nelson, David Railsback, Oscar Bonny, James Ewing. Lay people were Mesdames William Ehlers, Charles Gunn, C. E. Georgeson, Ralph L. Marlin, John W. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Zimmerman and Mr. Orval Reeves.

Johnson to Manhattan

We have made room after the magazine had gone to press to announce the unanimous call given by the Manhattan Church to the Rev. Julian Johnson, minister of our Partridge Church the past four and one half years. Previous to coming to Partridge, Mr. Johnson spent 50 months in the Army Chaplaincy, serving much of that time in Korea.

The Johnson's have four children: Paul Lewis—13 years, Mark Alden—7 years, Barbara Kay—4 years and Anne Renee—2 years. Mr. Johnson has accepted the call to Manhattan and the family will move there the first of January.

Laymen Officers

Southern laymen elected Al Miville of Wichita Concord as Chairman, Lester Love of Partridge, Vice Chairman, and Tom Riseling of Whitewater, secretary.

Eastern Chairman is Charles Aeschiman of Sabetha with Col. L. B. Bender as Vice Chairman.

Western laymen elected C. K. Glenn of Osborne, Chairman and August Bechtold of Gaylord as Vice Chairman.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

"Heartwarmers"

The three Association meetings, coming the first week in October, are a bright splash of color for Congregational Christians in Kansas. It has been my privilege to attend all three each year, since serving as president for the State Women's Fellowship.

Each has its distinction—Southern for two years has followed a lovely pattern for Communion. By candlelight and seated at long tables, the loaves are broken and passed down each side of the table; each communicant taking a portion and passing on the loaf. The wine is poured for one's neighbor. Eastern has a special appeal because it is my home association; Western is set apart because it meets for parts of two days. Each has a sameness too, with the common purpose to be about our Father's business.

My heart was warmed . . .

. . . at Little River. Emily Yocom was hostess to Loyce Robertson and me, and a good one she is. We shared a lovely dinner with the Little River women who attended Retreat in June and a generous breakfast with the members of the Executive Board of the Women's Fellowship. The evening meeting of the Fellowship was a happy one. Six women from the Inman Women's Guild of the E&R church visited and Louise Achilles, Regional President, brought us greetings. The women visited a long time after the meeting was adjourned. A good sign;

. . . at Wichita Pilgrim where most of the members are young women. It was good to visit with Lora Jones who was also an invited guest. This Women's Fellowship means business. Their yearbook lists a definite study program for their circles—each one following the same program. Some titles: Mankind's Most Disturbing Problem; Facts and Fancies About Race; Caste—American Style; The Crux of the Matter—the Local Church. My congratulations to the program chairman, her committee, and the members of this fine group.

. . . At Sioux Falls, South Dakota where I saw 105 women from the Mid-West Regional gather for a day of Leadership Training, previous to the regular Midwest Regional program. There is a great upsurge of interest in our National Women's Fellowship program and we thank God for it. We expect these women were the deciding factor in making this a record breaker for attendance—814. The Midwest Regional is for every member of every CC church in the 19 states it covers. It is considered by all who attend, the outstanding time for inspiration and information. The workshops this year were unique and most interesting. Each had a take-home piece, which furnished definite help for reproducing the workshop in the local church. Gordon and I combined our vacation with Mid-West Regional, and find it a wonderful combination. It isn't too early to plan now for next year. Watch for announcement of place and date in Congregational Kansas, and include this fine meeting in your year's plans.

Memorial Room

As we go to press more than $100.00 has been received toward the Lydia I. Wellman Memorial Room at Southern Union College. The cost for furnishing this room in Pilgrim Hall is $300.00. If your women have not sent a contribution—won't you do so at once?

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Annie White
Mrs. C. E. Irwin
By Lawrence Women's Fellowship
Mrs. Lora Love
By Partridge Women's Fellowship
Mrs. Clara Sargent
By Smith Center Women's Fellowship

Misionary Education

The Haystack Meeting celebrating the 150 years of missionary effort of our churches around the world, reminds us that our forefathers were concerned for the people in our own country too. If those churchmen of the last century had not been impelled by extra-ordinary missionary zeal, many of our Kansas churches would not have been started. They were not satisfied until churches were established in the West; as well as schools and hospitals in the needy South.

Long ago the churches in the mid-west became self-supporting. Many of the institutions in the South have gradually come under the leadership and control of local and state governments. But today the church still continues to serve where it is needed.

THE SOUTHERN TOUR, planned and conducted by the Missions Council each spring, visits the church-related schools and hospitals. Mrs. Ruth Lindsay of Kansas City Welborn Church was a member of the Southern Tour this year. As she looks back on her trip, she recalls vividly the visit at Fisk University in Nashville where she talked with Dr. Herman Long concerning the problems of school integration in the South.

Talledega College in Alabama is celebrating its 90th Anniversary this year. When the Southern Tour visited the College, they participated in a special Seminar on Church Related Schools.

Mrs. Lindsay says that she can never forget the spiritual growth she experienced and the southern hospitality manifested in each of the institutions from Indiana to Louisiana.

The annual tour is made by automobile with congenial people. The expense is kept at a minimum. This is a very practical way to study the work in the South for which our Board of Home Missions is responsible.

A church that sponsors a delegate for the Southern Tour will be repaid by having increased missionary interest. This is Missionary Education at its best.

—Helen Hepler (Mrs. Orville)
Missionary Education Chairman

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Foreign Students Entertained

Over 50 foreign students were guests at the October church dinner of the First Congregational Church at Emporia. This is the second dinner of this type that the women of the church have sponsored. A short program followed the dinner. Two students, one from Korea and the other from Iran, shared some of their thoughts with the group. While a dinner is a very small thing, yet even in a few moments people can come to understand each other better as they sit side by side at the table. The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. C. A. Harris, Mrs. Melvin Long, Mrs. Ted F. Andrews and Mrs. E. L. Gann.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Kent Thompson, President **Polly Pierson, Secretary**

Polly Pierson

"On The Beam"

Polly Pierson, our State Secretary, has sent out the second issue of "Fellowship Flashes" this fall. Polly works this big job into a very heavy schedule and we appreciate it.

Thanks

A letter from Dave Cutting says: "I certainly want to thank you P. F.'ers for the $300.00 scholarship. It will sure be a big help in finishing up my work here at Doane, and help me get started in seminary second semester. I'll try and learn just as much about Christian leadership as I can."

The Rev Harald Wisegarver of Taunton, Mass., writes: "The P. F. check was certainly a gift from heaven!" Many of you may not know that the Wisegarver's daughter, Pam, had an accident last spring when a swing set collapsed. A very bad leg break caused weeks in the hospital; this fall when school started she was still unable to walk to school. Because of all the extra expense, the $300.00 scholarship was especially appreciated by the Wisegarver's.

Hey!

Have you sent in your subscription for "Youth"—a brand new bi-weekly magazine in which Youth speaks to Youth with:

helpful hints on every day problems.

teen tips on leisure time activities.

real-life scenes of teens at work, worship, school and play,

stories of Christian witness in fact and fiction.

all wrapped up in 32 pages packed with youth-action photos and graphic art coming to you every other week of the year for only $2.50 a year.

ORDER "YOUTH" TODAY

Sing Christmas Carols

A great Christmas custom, especially for P.F'ers is the singing of carols at Christmas time. Sing for the shut-ins of your community—the often neglected folks for whom Christmas is a lonely reminder of the life they once knew. Nothing gives quite the same lift as the singing of the beautiful carols out in the crisp, clear winter air!

Youth Week
January 26 - February 2, 1958

"Lord . . . help our unbelief" is the theme for this year's Youth Week.

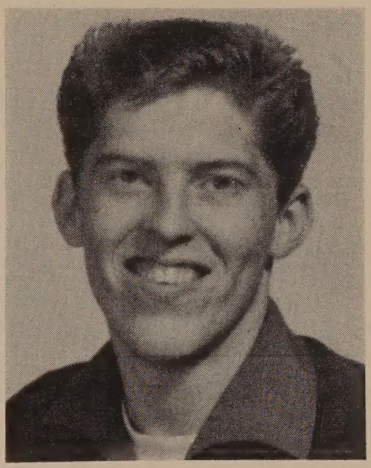
Help the minister plan the Sunday Morning Service for January 26; make it truly a religious experience. On February 3 join with Young people of other denominations in a special service.

From Uncle Greg of India

I have started helping in the education of our boys and girls with the generous gifts given by the thoughtful campers in Camp Wa-Shun-Ga. When my scheme is near completion, I shall give you a detailed report of it.

Last week was a terrible week for us. Near Madura there was a big struggle between two caste groups and it began to spread wider and wider. Out of 5000 villages near Madura, about 2500 villages were set fire to and all the houses were burnt to ashes. (You probably know that most of our houses have thatched roofs). The deaths due to attacks with spears, knives and other weapons, and due to police shooting have unofficially been estimated at 200 or more. At one place, our Christians from the low castes, ran into our church for shelter, but they were attacked inside the church with guns. The church was damaged, two people were killed and several received serious injuries. We were in our Executive meeting when this news came and we had to close the meeting at once to consider what to do about this. We sent a deputation to meet authorities who have promised help. However, this has been an unprecedented experience for our people. Yesterday and today it seems to be calm, but we do not know whether everything is quieted down. We are rushing help to our affected people. They have lost everything—their homes, cattle and possessions. I shall be grateful if they could be remembered in your prayers.

Dear Dr. Rymph and Aunt Ruth, I can never forget the great time I had in Camp Wa-Shun-Ga and the precious friends I earned there. It has been a tremendous experience for me. I must thank you both for this experience. I always remember you in my prayers. Could you kindly give my best to Uncle Orville. The sewing machine which he is sending me will arrive in a few days. The ship in which my luggage is sent is expected at Madras tomorrow and I shall write to him as soon as it arrives.



Derril Peabody
Eastern President

I was so much moved to see that one of the reports of Camp Wa-Shun-Ga was dedicated to me. I do not know how to thank the loving campers who did this. I feel so much honoured and I wish to thank them—every one of them. It is a great joy for me to rethink that great experience. I receive good letters from some of the campers who graciously remember me and I will write them soon.

Gratefully yours,
D. A. Gregory

Churches Learn About Angola

Miss Mary Willard Hurlbut, who spent thirty years in educational missionary work in Angola Province, Portuguese West Africa, is visiting Kansas November 3 to 12.

In addition to supervising the regular academic work in her "parish", she organized music classes in the schools, and choirs and Bible classes in the churches. Since the Portuguese government, requires that all pupils pass government examinations before they are promoted, Miss Hurlbut, with four or five African teachers, travels between 1500 and 2000 miles every spring, visiting schools to help prepare students for these rigid tests.

During her visit to Kansas, Miss Hurlbut will speak at the following churches: Kansas City Ruby, Partridge, Russell, Gorham, McPherson, Eureka and Topeka.

Around The Associations

Making the rounds of the Association were: Dr. Darley Downs our guest from Japan, Mr. Dan Hopkins, Conference Moderator, Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, Women's Fellowship President, Guy Gebhardt, Mrs. Chas. Gunn, Orville Hepler and the Rymphs.

At the Southern meeting held at Udall the following officers were elected to take office at the close of the State Conference session in April: Percy Shue of Eureka, Moderator; Rev. Paxton Smith of Independence, Assistant Moderator and the Rev. Elmo Paff, Registrar. The present officers will serve until the April meeting. The place of meeting next fall was not decided. Floyd Sibley now serving Kiowa and Jack Havice now serving Little River were granted licenses with full powers.

Eastern meeting held at Topeka First accepted the invitation of the Sabetha Church to meet with them next October to help celebrate the Centennial of the founding of that church. Elected as Moderator was the Rev. Millard Marshall of Onaga; Assistant Moderator, Wayne Harding of Topeka First with the Rev. Elmer Erickson as Registrar. Mr. Chas. Aeschliman of Sabetha was granted status as a "lay preacher."

Western Association elected Carl Georgeson of Lenora as Moderator, the Rev. Noah Unruh, assistant and the Rev. Malcolm White, Registrar. They accepted an invitation to meet at Ellis next year. Mr. Cecil Curry now serving our church at Downs was licensed with full powers.

Halloween Supper at Ash Rock

This is an annual event which is well attended by the Ash Rock Community and friends from afar. A member writes "Everybody turns out—pews are set outside, a temporary kitchen is set up and a big all-you-can eat supper served to all. No charge is made, but people give whatever they like—the take is amazing."

Church World Service Audio-Visuals

Order from the Conference Office

"A Matter of Fact"—color cartoon filmstrip with record for young people and adults presenting the facts of the "Share Our Surplus" program. 16 min.

"Birthday Cake for Rima"—color cartoon filmstrip with record for primary through adults. A delightful story about Rima, a little refugee girl in Jordan. Explains the CROP program.

"Close-Up" — black and white sound filmstrip for young people and adults showing the services which the churches are carrying on in relief, reconstruction and rehabilitation.

"Exiles In The Holy Land" — color photo filmstrip with record for young people and adults interpreting the Near East with special reference to the million Arab refugees who, after nine years, are still living in caves, tent cities, or mud brick shelters, enduring enforced idleness.

"Funiculi, Funicula"—record only featuring the Casa Materna Choir emphasizing the need for support of the CROP program. Primary through junior high.

"On The Move"—black and white sound filmstrip for young people and adults showing the need for clothing, bedding and food for overseas use.

"Travelin' Man" — color cartoon filmstrip with sound showing an imaginary journey with Sammy, the stamp that carries relief parcels overseas, to places where our Service Committee works with Church World Service. Primary through adults.

"The Waiting Ones"—black and white filmstrip with record for young people and adults shows how funds given by church people enable relief and rehabilitation for refugees unable to immigrate.

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"The Year That Flowered" — black and white filmstrip with record for young people and adults presenting the problems of the Chinese refugees in Hongkong and the efforts being made to find a solution to them.

Christian Giving

CHRISTIAN GIVING is one of the greatest phrases that ever crosses human lips; it never empties the purse any more than loving empties the heart.

CHRISTIAN GIVING is something far more than the transfer of money to a cause—important as that is; it is infinitely more than meeting bills, costs, upkeep, budgets, apportionments—vital as they are.

CHRISTIAN GIVING is God's Divine Plan to make us like Himself; it reveals our religion and bares our souls; it is prophetic and has to do with the inner life; it creates an inner sensitiveness and gives a keener vision to His work and plans.

From the notebook of Dr. Warren H. Denison